

# SAFER FOOD FOR ALL BUSINESSES

## The burden of foodborne diseases

### FOODBORNE DISEASES IN AFRICA ACCOUNT FOR:

**142 000 deaths, 1/3 of the global death toll.**

**32 000 deaths** from non-typhoidal Salmonella (over 1/2 of the global death toll for the disease) **most affected are children under 5 years.**

**70% Diarrheal diseases caused by** (non-typhoidal Salmonella in children <5, E. coli and foodborne cholera)

### AFRICA

More than 91 million people fall ill each year from foodborne diseases

#### Chemical hazards Cyanide and Aflatoxin

caused a 1/4 of the deaths from foodborne disease in the Region

**1 in 5 of the people die** Paralysis (Konzo) caused by cyanide in cassava (unique to the African Region)

### CONTAMINATION CAN OCCUR AT ANY POINT ALONG THE FOOD PRODUCTION CHAIN

APPROPRIATE USE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, ADEQUATE FOOD STORAGE, GOOD HYGIENE AND CONDITIONS IN FOOD PRODUCTIONS.

**The Processor**

**Handlers  
(Transport, Storage)**

**Food Retail**

**The Customer**

FOOD SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU

Source: WHO Estimates of the Global Burden of Foodborne Diseases. 2015.



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